

## **My Delicate Heart Condition** by Toni Cade Bambara

### Vocabulary List

**Directions for vocabulary** - First, find the word(s) as they are used in the story and write the sentence. Second, find and write the definition that best fits the meaning of the word(s) as it is used in the story. Third, create a sentence using the word(s) in a self-defining sentence. **Example of a self-defining sentence: word - appreciate, defining sentence - I appreciate all of the encouraging words my mother gave me when I was studying for my final exam. not self-defining - My favorite word is appreciate. (I should be able to figure out the meaning of the word from your sentence.)**

#### **Example:**

##### 1. **precluded**

**context:** ...this was a point definitively settled - but the very definitiveness with which it was resolved precluded the idea of risk. (95)

**definition:** v. to make impossible.

**sentence:** The heavy rain precluded us from making it to the airport on time to catch our flight.

1. bunkhouse
2. blubbering
3. kidded
4. steamer trunk
5. getgo
6. shush
7. rheumatic
8. wolfman
9. streamlined
10. underprivileged
11. blabbed

Definitions for all of these words can be found on Merriam-Webster's online dictionary.

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/>